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**From:** Gomez, Kendra  
**Sent:** Wed 8/12/2015 9:45:46 PM  
**Subject:** RE: Abandoned Mine Release into Animas River - Health & Safety Training, and Medical Surveillance

Field staff.

**From:** Nakatsu, Jason  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 12, 2015 4:41 PM  
**To:** Gomez, Kendra; EOC Safety Officer; Woodlee, Jeff; Krueger, Roy  
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Were these folks field staff or office staff?

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The same situation happened to me. People were deployed on Saturday and I wasn't notified until Monday. I've been trying to get a current listing of R6 personnel deployed in support of the Gold King Mine spill, and I haven't been provided one. I've escalated this up to my Senior Management. I'm basically vetting people based upon financial Sit Reps.

I know of two R6 employees who do not meet their H&S requirements. When I found out on Monday that these employees deployed Saturday, I vetted them and determined they were not

cleared for deployment. I informed the REOC via email that they need to be returned to the Regional Office. Nothing has been done to return them to the RO.

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Kendra,

We are doing the same per their routine job functions and depending on the type of work being done they need different field H&S training. What I meant by my email was to make it clear that positions such as Finance section chief or an attorney called out to look at data do not need medical surveillance per their routine job function. The other interesting piece is that folk were deployed prior to me being called or informed of the IMT stand up.

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Here in Region 6, I'm mandating that all employees either have medical surveillance (due to their routine job functions) or they received a pre-screening exam by FOH. You are right, they do not have medical surveillance, but if they don't, they at least need to have a pre-screening exam by FOH prior to deployment. Also, all R6 personnel responding to field activities, must have, at a minimum, the 24hr EPA H&S training available through Skillport, depending upon the type of work to be done. Most of my employees are required to have HAZWOPER due to the fact that they are conducting activities under the scope of 29 CFR 1910.120.

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David,

We can discuss at a later point in time but for R8 not ALL of the responders need to have medical surveillance and H&S training.

**From:** Wynn, David **On Behalf Of** EOC Safety Officer  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 12, 2015 11:57 AM  
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SHEMP managers,

Thank you for your efforts!

This is a reminder that all employees who are responding must have completed their H&S training requirements and be enrolled in medical surveillance, if required. If you are having any difficulty fulfilling these requirements, please advise.

Thanks,

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